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Today, the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power passed Congressman Lee Terry's North American Made Energy Security (NAMES) Act (H.R. 1938) by voice vote. The bill requires the Secretary of Energy to speed the analysis and decision process regarding the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline.

This pipeline has been the subject of more than two years of consideration and a coordinated review by more than a dozen federal agencies. In April of 2010, the State Department issued a comprehensive, multi-volume draft environmental impact statement and this April issued a supplemental draft environmental impact statement for public comment. The Keystone XL pipeline is the most studied cross-border crude oil pipeline proposal of all such projects that the State Department has considered.

Terry, who has introduced legislation to stabilize the gasoline market (H.R. 1412) and to build a renewable fuels pipeline from the Midwest to the East Coast (H.R. 1516), released the following statement:

**"Is it better for the U.S. to get its oil from North American sources or from countries which are hostile to us? If we let this opportunity slip by because of the delay on the decision, this North American energy supply will go to other countries and be returned to us at a premium. Not only that, we will lose jobs that could have been created both in construction and refining. We cannot afford to continue to delay," Terry said.**